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TO: Members of the Senate Health Policy Committee

FROM: Amy Barkholz, General Counsel

DATE: October 7, 2009

SUBJECT: **Appointment of James Falahee to the State Certificate of Need Commission**
MHA POSITION: SUPPORT

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) is pleased to support the appointment of James Falahee to the 11-member state Certificate of Need Commission.

If confirmed, Mr. Falahee will be one of two individuals appointed to represent the hospital community on the commission, which is charged with developing standards to help balance cost, quality, and access to health care services for the state of Michigan. The MHA believes that Mr. Falahee's extensive experience in health care, which has included working for several health care systems, as well as his capacity to be objective and fair, will enable him to serve in this role with distinction.

For these reasons, we ask the Senate Health Policy to confirm his nomination today.

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